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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Nancy P. CAMACHO et al.

Serial No. : 09/853,298

Filed : May 10, 2001

For : DETERMINATION OF THE
ULTRASTRUCTURE OF
CONNECTIVE TISSUE BY AN
INFRARED FIBER-OPTIC
SPECTROSCOPIC PROBE

Art Unit :

Examiner :

**ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS
AND REQUEST FOR REFUND**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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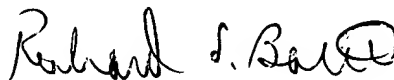
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S I R :

Applicants have informed the undersigned that the above-identified application is entitled to SMALL ENTITY STATUS and therefore wish to assert SMALL ENTITY STATUS for this application.

This assertion of SMALL ENTITY STATUS is being filed within three months of payment of the filing fee on May 10, 2001. Applicants therefore request that one-half of the filing fee (1/2 of \$710.00 = \$355.00) be refunded to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 06-1378.

Respectfully submitted,



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